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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Masamichi HARADA

Serial No.: 09/504,923

Group Art Unit: 2823

Filed: February 16, 2000

Examiner: Neal BEREZNY

For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING BARRIER FILM AND BARRIER
FILM THUS PRODUCED

**RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
DATED SEPTEMBER 13, 2001**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: October 3, 2001

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated September 13, 2001.

In the Action, restriction is required among Group (I), claims 1 - 8 drawn to a process of forming a barrier layer for an interconnect; or Group (II), claims 9-10 drawn to a barrier layer for an interconnect.

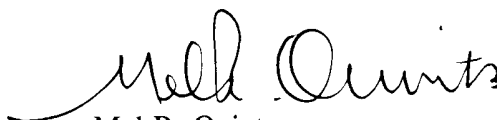
Applicant hereby elects the subject matter of Group (I), claims 1 - 8 for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicant's right to the filing of a Divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC §120 and 35 USC §121 are retained.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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